

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1137 - SB 1197

March 16, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Prohibits a county health officer from issuing an order that closes or limits the lawful operations of a church or religious organization, including religious services or activities. Prohibits a public official from prohibiting, or imposing additional restrictions on the lawful operations of a church or religious organization, including religious services or activities, during a state of emergency, major disaster, or natural disaster.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004908): Deletes and rewrites all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive change removes language prohibiting a public official from limiting the lawful operations of a church or religious organization, including religious services or activities, during a state of emergency, major disaster, or natural disaster.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This legislation will not significantly impact caseloads in the court system; therefore, any impact to the court system is estimated to be not significant.
- Any impact to local government health agencies will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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